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### 7th Bomb Wing Sortie Goals

As of: Nov. 11

	Monthly	Flown	Current Status
	77	25	- 1
	41	10	- 2
	62	15	- 4

FY-03 Flying Hour Curve: -42.7

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### Weekend weather



#### SATURDAY

Increasing clouds  
High 62  
Low 48



#### SUNDAY

Mostly cloudy  
Isolated showers  
High 64  
Low 53

Weather courtesy of 7th Operations  
Support Squadron weather flight

### 317th Airlift Group Sortie Goals

As of: Nov. 10

	Departure Reliability Goal	Current Departure Reliability
	78%	69%
		

## Dyess celebrates fall with Blazin' bash

By Senior Airman  
Zachary Wilson  
Dyess Public Affairs

Dyess people can enjoy an annual celebration of the fall season culminating with a massive bonfire at Blazin' in the Park. The event starts at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course entrance.

This year's event features three local bands, several food vendors, and games for kids, hayrides through the golf course and, as the name suggests, a blazing bonfire.

"We put on Blazin' in the Park every year to provide entertainment and camaraderie for all Dyess members and their families," said Stephanie Kraly, 7th Services Squadron marketing. "We borrowed the theme from a local country fall festival and people really have a good time every year," Kraly said.

The bands providing the music for the event are Drunk Monkey, a band made up of 7th Civil Engineer Squadron members, The Texas Fiddlers, an accomplished group of violinists from Abilene, and Premenishen, a band of Abilene young adults that plays a variety of rock music.

"We are excited to have these



Senior Airman Matthew Rosine

Staff Sgt. Carlos Bosch, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, lights the Blazin' in the Park bonfire. The fall celebration begins at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course entrance. The event will feature local bands, hayrides and a bonfire.

bands play our event," Kraly said. "Drunk Monkey and Premenishen are getting pretty popular around town, and the Texas Fiddlers are known for their music all over the Big Country."

Also featured in the event will be hayrides along the golf course service roads. People will get a chance to sit in a hay-filled trailer and relax as they are pulled slowly down the roads, Kraly said.

"Making sure this event was able to come together and run smoothly was primarily due to the efforts of our base community," Kraly said. "Many units such as 7th CES, 7th SVS, 7th Security Forces Squadron, 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Aerospace Ground Equipment, and the base fire department have really been very supportive of making sure we are able to host this event every year."

## ACC announces environmental quality award winners

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. -- Air Combat Command announced its 2003 Environmental Quality individual and installation awards Nov. 5.

Award winners are:

Environmental Quality Award -- Continental United States: 7th Civil Engineer Squadron.

Environmental Quality Award for Individual Excellence: Rodger Christensen, 99th Civil Engineer Squadron, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

Environmental Restoration Award: 2nd Civil Engineer Squadron, Barksdale Air Force Base, La.

Environmental Restoration Award for Individual Excellence: Richard Roller, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.

Natural Resources Management Award -- Small

Base: 1st Civil Engineer Squadron, Langley Air Force Base, Va.

Natural Resources Management Award for Individual Excellence: Bruce Holland, 2nd Civil Engineer Squadron, Barksdale AFB, La.

Cultural Resources Management Award: 366th Civil Engineer Squadron, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho.

ACC award presentations will be made at a special award function during the 2004 Environmental Symposium scheduled for March 8 to 12 in Nashville, Tenn. Each nominee will compete in the Air Force chief-of-staff-level General Thomas D. White awards, which will be announced during Earth Week 2004.





## This week in Dyess History

**Nov. 17** -- The 7th Bombardment Wing, Very Heavy, was organized at Fort Worth Army Air Field (later known as Griffiss Air Force Base,) Texas, in 1947. The wing was assigned to the 8th Air Force. The aircraft of the day was the Boeing B-29 "Superfortress."

**Nov. 20** -- The 88th Reconnaissance Squadron, Long Range, was redesignated 88th Reconnaissance

Squadron, Heavy, at Ft. Douglas, Utah, in 1940. Later, the 88th was reassigned to Salt Lake City, Utah, on 15 January 1941. A year later, the unit was redesignated the 436th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, (now the 436th Training Squadron.)

*This week in Dyess history was compiled by Master Sgt. Robert Romanelli, 7th Bomb Wing historian*



Our wing's policy for physical fitness will build on the new standards. In addition to the three weekly sessions of 75 minutes afforded to everyone, each squadron or agency will conduct two unit-level sessions per month. Squadrons are free to define "unit level" which could mean anything from entire squadron to flights, to shifts, and offices or shops. In order to help reach this squadron-level participation, the wing will have at least one and sometimes two monthly no-fly days that allow for PT and other ground duties. These "PT/Training days" will normally be on set Fridays each month. To assist individuals in having time to conduct PT, I will not schedule any wing-wide meetings before 9 a.m. As an example, the traditional wing "Stand-up Meeting" that was held on Thursday at 8 a.m. is renamed the "Wing Staff Meeting" and is now held at 9 a.m. In addition to providing the time to work out, we're going to increase the quality of physical training. The AF will begin testing individuals with running, push-ups and crunches. The "7th" will also include pull-ups and flexibility. To help emphasize this increased quality, the HAWC will announce monthly winners of those with the best performances.

That's a lot to put into one Puma's Vector. But, the intent is to get into better physical shape. Not all of the specifics have been fully addressed in this short space -- rely on your squadron commander to fill in the details. But, be confident that our responsibility is two-fold -- first, pass the new AF test and second get into better physical shape.

## ACTION LINE



**Comment:** We recently moved from old base housing to new base housing. Once we moved, we discovered the poor conditions of the playgrounds in the new housing area. Most of these are overgrown with weeds, grass and sticker weeds. It specifically states in the housing brochure that "The base is responsible for common areas and playgrounds". What can be done about these common areas and playgrounds so that the children of base personnel can utilize them as intended?

**Response:** We share your concern over playground appearance and grounds maintenance. The housing maintenance contractor has been inspecting the equipment, repairing and replacing the sand. However, the excuse given to me is the recent rain encouraged growth of weeds and we are getting the grounds contractor out to these playground areas. I'm aware of this problem and am expecting our contractor to abide by the same standards as our residents. If you have any further questions please give the Action Line another call. Thank you.

The Action Line provides a direct line of communication between Col. Jonathan George, 7th Bomb Wing commander and the people of Dyess.

As a general rule, people should use their chain of command or contact the agency involved first, however, if you are not satisfied, call 6-3355 or e-mail [action@dyess.af.mil](mailto:action@dyess.af.mil) and leave your message.

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Col. Jonathan George  
7th Bomb Wing commander

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Base housing at 6-2150  
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# Base officials brief Pecos community

**Dyess Public Affairs**  
*Staff report*

Dyess officials will travel to Pecos, Texas, Wednesday to explain to the importance of the B-1 Lancer's training missions over Pecos and surrounding areas during a presentation to be held at Odessa College, Pecos Campus in room 104, at 1:30 p.m.

The B-1 trains over ranges in West Texas and elsewhere as part of the Realistic Bomber Training Initiative. The initiative uses ground-based electronic scoring sites to enable the Lancers to simulate dropping weapons and see how accurately the bombs would have been put on target.

In addition to the B-1s,

B-52s from Barksdale Air Force Base, La., also benefit as part of the initiative.

"This presentation will show how effective the B-1 has been in combat thanks to the training techniques developed and applied right here in West Texas," said Dwight Williams, Dyess Air Space Manager and one of the presenters.

Many communities involved have voiced some concern over the training missions and have even gone so far as to sue the Air Force to have the flights blocked. Williams thinks that explaining the necessity of the flights will have a positive impact.

"We want to give the local communities some ownership of the B-1 training



Courtesy photo

**A Dyess B-1 takes off on a training flight. The B-1 trains over ranges in West Texas elsewhere as part of the Realistic Bomber Training Initiative.**

process and the successful warfighting skills developed and honed here," he said.

Colonel Jeffrey Beene, 7th Operations Group commander, Williams and Lt. Col. West Anderson, 7th

Operations Support Squadron commander, will present the 45 to 60 minute brief to the Pecos community, city officials and local media and will be available to answer questions immediately following.

The last similar presentation was given in April of this year by an Air Combat Command official from Langley Air Force Base, Virginia.

## Military personnel flight utilizes contract civilians

**By Senior Airman Zachary Wilson**  
*Dyess Public Affairs*

Dyess members visiting certain sections of the 7th Mission Support Squadron Military Personnel Flight may notice a significant difference - many of those sections are now manned by civilian contractors.

The 11 new contract workers began working in the MPF in the beginning of October as a result of the Air Combat Command headquarters A-76 process which entails a Manpower cost analysis to determine the economic feasibility to change military positions to GS ratings or contract the work out to a contractor.

The contract also affects 14 other ACC bases.

"We will continue to provide the same outstanding support and service to our customers," said Jim Schilling, one of the new contractors. "Hopefully, the only difference they will recognize from the service



Senior Airman Matthew Rosine

**Charles Gordon, Customer Service Contractor at the military personnel flight helps a customer. Civilian contractors began working at the MPF in October.**

received is our dress."

Schilling was also quick to point out that the new workers do have a good understanding of what the

military expects from the MPF.

"Even though we don't wear the uniform, nearly 80 percent of the contractors are prior service and understand the concerns of the military customer," Schilling said.

The sections of the MPF that have been manned by the new workers are the customer service, military personnel systems management, civilian personnel systems management, awards and decorations, and passports and information management sections.

The switch from military personnel to contract workers is permanent, said Jim Schilling, 7th MSS blah. "The contract was awarded for one year with an option to extend for an additional four years," Schilling said.

"Our experience working here has been great," Schilling said. "We continue to receive great support for the entire squadron. This has been a total team effort."

"We look forward to furthering our new relationship with Dyess."



# Understanding mentorship -- it's simple

**By Col. Gary Harancak**  
*7th Bomb Wing vice commander*

Sometimes I think we make the concept of mentorship in today's Air Force seem way too hard. As an Air Force, we have published AF Instructions, we have established programs and procedures and devoted considerable energy to discussing its merits. In addition, here at Dyess,, we have developed a superb web site that provides an outstanding resource to those who mentor. We also have started a series of lectures, discussion groups and numerous other events to make our mentoring program one of the best in our Air Force.

All of these are great ideas to help foster a solid mentorship program, but it may give some the impression that mentoring is hard. It isn't. In fact, mentoring is easy and should be second nature to all Air Force professionals. All of us would agree that all Air Force professionals should strive to be leaders in our daily lives. Mentorship is a direct form of leadership and should be practiced each and every day as well.

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the retirement of an officer that had taken some time to help and mentor me. When I thanked him for his help, he shook his head and said, "Don't thank me -- I was just doing my job. It is every airman's job to train his replacement." To this officer, mentorship came as naturally as

wearing his hat or saluting. He saw it as his responsibility and he did it willingly and believed that mentorship was nothing more or less than training his replacement. It is a simple but profound way to look at the concept of mentorship.

Those of us that wonder the when, the where and the how of mentoring can get their answer from that old airman -- it is simple. The when is now. Don't start the next rating period or next month or the next chance you get, start today. If you haven't been mentoring your people, you're already behind. The where is anywhere you interact with your people -- at work, in the dorms, in town -- anywhere. The how is the simplest of all. Use the resources available to you but in the end go with your gut and "train your replacement."

You are an excellent airman, NCO, or officer, so mentor your people to become the excellent airmen, NCOs, and officers that will someday soon replace you.

Mentorship is simple but vitally important. We all owe it to our people and our great Air Force to be good mentors.



# Everyone a Leader

## Leadership from all Dyess members critical to ACC ORI

**By Col. William Foote**  
7th Mission Support Group  
commander

Leadership is sometimes viewed as only a concept -- something that cannot be seen or easily defined.

However, just last week during the Operational Readiness Exercise, I rediscovered a lesson and impression about leadership first made on me in 1982 during an Operational Readiness Inspection at Loring Air Force Base, Maine.

The lesson: our upcoming ORI will allow each of us to exercise and experience leadership on a personal level.

To be sure, we will all be allowed the opportunity to individually make a difference and in-turn support the overall mission. The ORI will test our ability to deploy, employ airpower, survive attacks from the air and ground and recover the base. Through it all, each of us will have to react to situations by doing our job in a hostile environment and help our team members do theirs.

Where does leadership come into play? The short answer is "in everything we do," but I focus on three important areas.

First, we all need to take charge. We need to be able to "observe" what is going on around us, "orient" ourselves to the problems or challenges a situation presents us with, "decide" what our actions should be, and then "act" as we have been trained to do. In short, we need to think "OODA." Don't be a bystander. Take charge and help the team get the job done.

Next, take responsibility. This is more in tune with what we need to do to be prepared for action. For example, you need to be responsible for your own training and mobility status. Are you medically ready, are you weapons qualified, Is your family readiness planning complete? Once again, don't sit on your butt, get it together. Furthermore, to borrow from a reference, you are your brother or sister's keeper, so think team.

Third, realize that you and I



**Senior Airman Sean Call, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron, discovers an injured airman during his unexploded ordnance sweep and provides self-aid and buddy care to her injuries during a previous Phase II Operational Readiness Exercise.**

Tech. Sgt. Thomas Fischer

have something much bigger to defend here. Some of you may not realize that our roots as a wing go back to the First World War. The 7th BW hasn't been manned by people who were just sitting around for the last 85 years. This wing has a history of fighting like hell in World War I, World War II, Vietnam and most recently, the global war on terrorism. We have flown every major bomber aircraft such as B-17s, B-29s, to B-36s, B-52s and now the B-1 -- all destined for the halls of combat aviation fame.

So, if we come up short on something like an ORI because we failed to exercise leadership at the individual level, we will have to apologize to tens of thousands of this wing's combat veterans.

Well, I say, to hell with that!

To think leadership you must also think ownership. Make no mistake, we are the current owners of the 7th Bomb Wing. We are not the current renters, we are the

owners. Our inheritance -- the legacy of the 7th BW compels us to greatness. The question the inspector general has on his mind is this: "Does the 7th have what it takes?"

I believe the question and answer needs to be thought of in the same way; as if someone were to say, "the 7th Bomb Wing will fail because they don't have what it takes." All of us know we would be lining up to prove them wrong. After all, we own the lucky fighting 7th and we know how good we are. So we should act as owners and get the mission done.

Now folks, there is not one single significant event in American history where leadership did not carry the day. Leadership by individuals at every level has always been the critical element.

For us, this ORI is significant -- the "world is watching." Secretary Roche is watching, Gen. Jumper is watching, Gen. Hornburg and the rest of ACC are watching, the city of Abilene is watching, and they

are all pulling for us to do great. And in a very real way -- every member of the 7th back to World War I is watching.

So, reach down and tap the source of energy within, bring the leader forward, get on the dance floor and let's take this opportunity to get an "outstanding" on this ORI.

We in the Air Force are part of something bigger and more important; work that influences the path of history, and a mission that protects our fellow citizens and in many cases the rest of the free world.

The 7th will prevail if we all dare to win as leaders. So be a proud leader in the glorious 7th Bomb Wing and never let an opportunity pass you by, never do less than you are capable, never let the team and mission down and never fail to lead.

*Editor's note: For more about OODA, type "Col John Boyd" into any internet search engine.*



# Dyess reads to grow better leaders

By Airman 1st Class  
Kiley Olds  
Dyess Public Affairs

Dyess readers will have the chance to learn about the impacts of leadership in adversity through the new Leadership Book Series program.

The voluntary program is open to anyone and allows people to read a selected book and then discuss their thoughts about the book during a luncheon.

"The intent of the program is not to have a lecture series but to foster a discussion on the key traits, thoughts, insights and strategies of leadership presented by each author," said Maj. Jim Adamski, 7th Bomb Wing director of staff. "Participants in this program can read and talk about the selected book from one of the armed services chief of staff reading lists with fellow military members."

The book series is designed to provide for people to read books

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Maj. Jim Adamski  
7th Bomb Wing director of staff

outside the professional military or collegiate environments. Books will be chosen for their insight into military history, leadership success and analysis of lessons learned from past or ongoing conflicts.

"Naturally, some books will read faster than others, but the intent is to cover one book over a two to three month period," Adamski said.

The first reading selection, chosen from the Army chief of staff's reading list, is Michael Shaara's *The Killer Angels*.

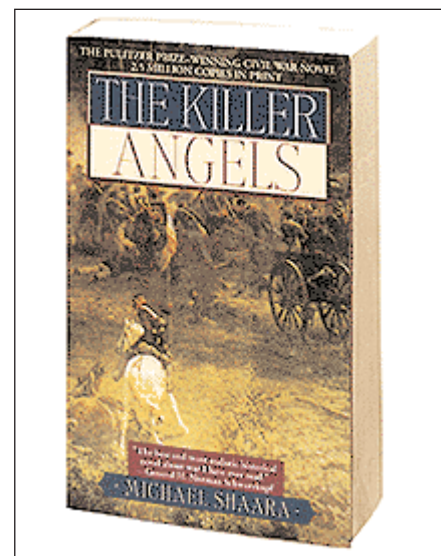
"*The Killer Angels*" is a Pulitzer Prize-winning fictional account of the four days surrounding the Battle of Gettysburg.

"The book takes a close, personal look at this past struggle from the minds of the Union and Confederate soldiers who directly influenced its outcome," Adamski said. "This book brings to life the passions that drove these men and the reasons for the critical decisions they made during this momentous battle."

The first book discussion luncheon is Feb. 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Heritage Club.

The discussion will be hosted by Col. Schuyler Geller, 7th Medical Group commander. Geller will also serve as the discussion facilitator for this event.

Limited copies of "*The Killer Angels*" are available at the base



Courtesy Photo

Michael Shaara's 1975 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, "*The Killer Angels*" is a fictional account of the American Civil War and specifically the Battle of Gettysburg.

library, through the inter-library loan program or purchased at a local bookstore.

For more information, contact Maj. Jim Adamski at 6-5054.

# New satellite system helps get Iraq news to America instantly

**By Army Sgt. 1st Class  
Doug Sample**  
*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON -- Senior coalition leaders in Iraq are about to increase their ability to keep America informed.

Two state-of-the-art ultracompact satellite terminals -- along with a two-person team to set them up and get them working -- are on their way to Iraq. Starting in late

November, the satellites will beam up-to-the-second news feeds and video footage back to the United States.

Plans include making the feeds available to military news broadcast outlets, such as the American Forces Radio and Television Service News Center and American Forces Network, as well as to commercial television outlets. The Defense Media Center, located at March Air Reserve Base, Calif., is providing

the equipment and manpower support.

With these terminals, senior U.S. officials will get "the word" back to the United States without delay, no matter where they happen to be in Iraq, said Allison Barber, special assistant to the acting assistant secretary of defense for public affairs.

"By virtue of their portability, these terminals will offer our top people in Iraq broadcast-quality

video satellite connectivity in a 'go anywhere' package that breaks down into just three airline-checkable cases," Barber said.

The satellites are a way to get stories on what units are doing in Iraq back home to U.S.-based units and families, said Army Master Sgt. John Ming. Ming is part of the communications team bound for Iraq to set up the equipment.

The capability to broadcast from Iraq is a natural extension of a broadcasting tradition that goes back more than 60 years, said Larry Sichter, DMC's affiliate relations chief.

"I think it will really establish us as a news presence in Baghdad," Ming said. "This gives the military a real chance to show (that) there are all these (positive) things that are going on to rebuild the country."

Ming said the satellite system takes about 15 minutes to set up. Then, the satellite provider is ready to establish the link.

"We can just show up, acquire the satellite link and start transmitting from that point," he said.



Lanorris Askew

## Some gave all

A mother and son look at names on the Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall Experience display in Macon, Ga. The traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., was recently in Macon for a three-day visit. The memorial was on display in Abilene Sept. 11-14.

# Multiple factors cause T-1 accident

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- Air Force officials completed their investigation of the Aug. 16 incident involving a T-1A Jayhawk. The aircraft from Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas, departed the runway during a landing rollout at Keesler AFB, Miss., and sustained an estimated \$2.5 million in structural damage.

Accident investigation officials determined the accident was caused by a combination of factors during the landing sequence. The factors included inexperience, speed and a wet runway.

The student pilot, 2nd Lt. Tiffany Ley of the 86th Flying Training Squadron at Laughlin, flew faster than the computed approach and landing speeds. She then maintained higher than idle thrust during the first few seconds after touchdown.

As a result, the speed brakes and spoilers could not deploy to slow the aircraft. The runway was also wet and the aircraft went into a hydroplane skid after the instruc-



Courtesy photo

**A photographer takes a photo of the T-1A Jayhawk from Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas, that was damaged during a landing Aug. 16. The aircraft left the runway and came to a stop 190 feet off the end of the runway. The accident occurred during a specialized undergraduate pilot cross-country training mission. Neither crewmember was injured.**

tor pilot, 1st Lt. Nancy Badgett selected the emergency brakes. She is also assigned to the 86th FTS.

Officials determined the crewmembers were inexperienced and did not recognize the difficult braking situation.

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# Airmen say 'I do' in Black Hawk over Iraq

by Capt. Monica Bland  
332nd Air Expeditionary Wing,  
Detachment 1 Public Affairs

BALAD SOUTHEAST AIRFIELD, Iraq -- Two airmen said "I do" above Iraqi soil in an Army UH-60A Black Hawk helicopter Nov. 6.

Airmen 1st Class Vernon Millican and Toni Chapman, both of a deployed security forces contingent, pledged to spend the rest of their lives together before God and four of their friends during the helicopter's training mission.

The airmen are assigned to the 5th Security Forces Squadron and met a year ago while living in the dorms at Minot Air Force Base, N.D.

The idea to get married on a military aircraft grew from Millican's desire to propose to Chapman on a C-130 as they flew from Kuwait City.

"I originally wanted to propose to her on the C-130, but as we boarded the plane, (the loadmas-



Staff Sgt. Richard Watson

**Airmen First Class Vernon Millican and Toni Chapman are all smiles as they get ready to take their wedding vows on board a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter Nov. 6.**

ter) took all our personal bags, and I couldn't get to the ring," Millican said.

"As we screamed to talk over the jet noise, Toni suggested that we try to get married on an aircraft, while we were still deployed," Millican said.

Armed with his original desire to propose and his future bride's suggestion for an aircraft ceremony, Millican set his plan into action.

"(The day he proposed) was his day off, but I was working," Chapman said.

"At the end of my shift, he found me in a bad mood, eating a Meal-Ready-to-Eat," she said. "As the DVD player crooned, 'For You,' by Johnny Cash and Dave Matthews, (Millican) asked me to stand up (and) he got down on one knee (to) propose."

From there, all it took was an inquiry about the Army's flying missions.

Army Capt. Keith Sandoval, a pilot, gave the go-ahead, and off they went into the wild blue yonder.

"I was glad they got to do their ceremony in my helicopter," Sandoval said.

Chaplain (Capt.) John Von Almen performed the ceremony

after some initial hesitation.

"Once I realized how loving and committed to one another the couple was, my reservations subsided," Von Almen said.

Von Almen presented the couple with a certificate commemorating the union. Since there is no formal government in Iraq to issue a marriage certificate that can be recognized in the United States, the couple will need to have a civil ceremony upon their return home.

The couple was all smiles as the helicopter touched down from its training mission.

"I was really nervous, but (the ceremony) was a cool experience," Chapman said.

Both airmen are scheduled to return to Minot in the upcoming weeks. However, Chapman -- now Airman Millican -- will return one month before her new husband.

Even though their ceremony is not formally recognized by the United States, the couple will still celebrate their anniversary Nov. 6.

Local Advertisement

# Air Force leads HIV/AIDS education course

By Staff Sgt. Don Nelson  
*Air Force Print News*

SAN ANTONIO -- International medical and military leaders representing nearly 12 countries gathered Nov. 3 to 7 to discuss awareness of HIV and AIDS and its impact to the military worldwide. The third annual course was held by Defense Institute for Medical Operations officials from Brooks City-Base, Texas.

The strategic planning and policy development course is designed to promote a sharing of new ideas and case studies on prevention, care and control of the disease, officials said.

Maj. (Dr.) Brian Agan, Wilford Hall Medical Center HIV program director and course developer,

emphasized the importance of bringing HIV and AIDS experts together.

"We want to identify the key components of knowledge that people need to have in order to effectively structure policy to address HIV in the military," Agan said.

The HIV infection rate in many other countries is significantly higher than the United States, institute officials said. Having a working relationship with leaders from other nations and a course like this helps build better awareness and hopefully increases prevention in those countries, said Col. Kerrie Lindberg, institute director.

A major focus and objective of the institute's efforts to address awareness of the disease is force protection,

particularly in countries that are hardest hit with HIV and AIDS, Lindberg said.

"As we deploy into those areas, we will know what that country has in place as far as HIV and AIDS," she said. "If we go in there to assist with a disaster, we will know what types of issues to be aware of."

Working together with foreign military leaders also was a large part of the conference. An address given by Kenyan Maj. Gen. J. M. Mutwii highlighted the efforts being made to fight the spread of HIV and AIDS in Kenya. Many countries in Africa deal with infection rates in the military as high as 40 percent, Mutwii said.

"The enemy is not the person with the disease, but

the virus within them," Mutwii said.

The stigma associated with HIV and AIDS took center stage for a day when a panel of former and current active-duty airmen with HIV sat on a panel together to speak about their experiences.

"We wanted to address the stigma of HIV with direct firsthand knowledge from people in the military living with the disease," said Col. (Dr.) Matt Dolan, institute chief of medical operations. "Having these stories told to the conference attendees really sent a message about how (the U.S. military) deals with infected troops."

Currently, nearly 150 airmen with HIV serve on active duty and many have remained in their original

job, Agan said. Even though there is a very low rate of incidence of HIV in the military, the goal is still zero, he said.

In 2002, President George W. Bush declared HIV and AIDS a threat to the strategic interests of the United States. The doctrine calls for using the military as an integral part of engagement of the problem worldwide.

"This course allows the military to fulfill the doctrine that the president has dictated," Dolan said. Because the effects of high HIV rates erode the government of stable countries, the concern is that they could collapse and become failed states unless the destructive effects of the disease are addressed head on, he said.



## SEATBELTS SAVE LIVES!



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Answers

The following are the answers for the crossword puzzle that appeared in the Nov. 7 edition of the *Peacemaker*.



Airman Aaron Walker

Combat cuisine

A Dyess airman treats herself to some snacks on the Dyess cookie bus Nov. 6. The cookie bus ran during the Phase II portion of the exercise. The food was supplied through donations and handed out by Dyess first sergeants.

# October Memphis Belle Award recipients

*Editor's Note: The Memphis Belle Award is a monthly base safety award that recognizes all aircrew members who successfully resolve an in-flight or ground aircraft emergency in the course of daily flying activity.*

<b>Generator failure in flight</b> <b>Oct. 3</b> Capt. Scott Higginbotham, pilot 1st Lt. James Ashlock, co-pilot Capt. Bill Hall, offensive systems officer Capt. Matthew Clapp, defensive systems officer	<b>Hung weapon</b> <b>Oct. 7</b> Capt. Jim Booker, pilot 1st Lt. James Ashlock, co-pilot Capt. Dan Slifer, OSO Capt. Bill Hall, DSO	Maj. John Koss, pilot 2nd Lt. Eric Trabandt, co-pilot 2nd Lt. Larry Requenez, OSO Lt. Col. Bruce Grygier, DSO	Capt. Steve Graham, OSO Capt. Bill Hall, DSO
<b>Landing gear malfunction</b> <b>Oct. 7</b> Capt. Joe Sheffield, pilot Capt. Michael Jett, co-pilot Maj. John Martin, OSO 1st Lt. Susan Adamson, DSO	<b>Engine shutdown in flight</b> <b>Oct. 7</b> Col. Jonathan George, pilot Capt. Joe Sheffield, co-pilot Maj. John Martin, OSO 1st Lt. Susan Adamson, DSO	<b>Engine shutdown in flight</b> <b>Oct. 9</b> Maj. Patrick Klingler, pilot Capt. Brandon Miller, co-pilot Capt. Chris McClung, OSO Maj. William Pugh, DSO	<b>Hung weapon</b> <b>Oct. 14</b> Lt. Col. Davis Walette, pilot Maj. Matt Glenn, co-pilot Lt. Col. John O'Conner, OSO Lt. Col. Ricky Lee, DSO
<b>Hung weapon</b> <b>Oct. 7</b> Capt. Jason Combs, pilot Maj. Mike Penland, co-pilot Maj. William Pugh, OSO Maj. Dan Pimentel, DSO	<b>Hung weapon</b> <b>Oct. 8</b> Maj. Kurt Scheible, pilot Capt. Scott Hamilton, co-pilot Capt. Scott Mansfield, OSO Capt. Eric Hresko, DSO	<b>Engine shutdown in flight</b> <b>Oct. 9</b> Maj. Joe McLaughlin, pilot 2nd Lt. Greg Penning, co-pilot 2nd Lt. Cedric Harper, OSO Capt. John Shinoskie, DSO	<b>Engine shutdown in flight</b> <b>Oct. 22</b> Lt. Col. David Whittemore, pilot Maj. Daniel Troutman, co-pilot Capt. Ben Hobday, OSO Capt. Michael Rooney, DSO
	<b>Landing gear malfunction</b> <b>Oct. 8</b>	<b>Hydraulic failure in flight</b> <b>Oct. 14</b> Maj. Patrick Klingler, pilot Maj. Michael Starr, co-pilot	<b>Engine shutdown in flight</b> <b>Oct. 28</b> Maj. James Clark, pilot Maj. Gerard Lambe, co-pilot Maj. Mark Jablow, OSO Capt. Mike Ray, DSO



## Want to quit smoking?

Want to quit smoking, but can't make time to attend a lengthy course?

For more information, call 1-800-548-8252 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday thru Friday to have a consultation with a certified registered nurse or respiratory therapist from the American Lung Association.

Please let the technician know that you are from Dyess.

## Blazin' in the Park

The 7th Services Squadron is hosting Blazin' in the Park at 4 p.m. at the field next to the Mesquite Grove Golf Course entrance Sunday.

The event will feature a bonfire, hay rides and entertainment from live bands. A children's area will also be available as well as food and beverages.

For more information, call 6-4305.

## 56 club meeting

The Dyess 56 club meets at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Lonestar room in The Heritage Club.

The club is for all E-5s and E-6s. It meets the third Wednesday of every month.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Donna Dopson at 6-8381.

## Base Blood Drive

The quarterly base blood drive is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday at The Hangar Center.

Potential donors are disqualified if they have traveled for three months or longer in the United Kingdom or if they have traveled for six months or longer in Europe between 1980 and 1996.

Donors who received a blood transfusion in the United Kingdom since 1980 are also disqualified.

## Suicide, violence prevention

Suicide and violence in the workplace prevention training is mandatory for all active duty and civilian members once every 15 months. Briefings will be held at the base theater on Dec. 10 at 8 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Check with your unit training manager to ensure you are current on training.

For more information, call Staci Vileta at 6-5499.

## Traffic construction update

Motorists driving from the 7th Medical Group clinic can't make a left turn from Louisiana Road to exit the main gate. 7th Security Forces Squadron has barricaded the former left turn lane and posted a sign prohibiting the turn. All traffic must turn right.

For more information, call 6-2131.

## Gate hours

• **The Tye Gate** is open from 5:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

• **The Delaware Gate** is open for housing residents only from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. and 1:50 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sundays.

• **The Maryland Gate** is open to school pedestrians and construction vehicle traffic from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m., and 3 to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

## Allergy clinic change

Shots are administered Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the allergy and immunization clinic.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Joseph Prunty at 6-1788.

## Base stickers to be renewed

Dyess vehicle's with an "03" sticker need to re-register their vehicle before it expires by January 04 at the pass and registration office

For more information, call 6-3088.

## Peacemaker submissions

To submit a news brief for the *Peacemaker*, e-mail it to [peacemaker@dyess.af.mil](mailto:peacemaker@dyess.af.mil) the Thursday prior to the week of publication.

For more information, call 6-4375.

## CALENDAR



### *Today, Nov. 14, 2003*

**Officers Spouses Club silent auction**, 6 to 9 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 698-5279.

### *Saturday, Nov. 15, 2003*

**317th AG picnic**, at the base picnic grounds. For more info, call, 6-3884.

**Thunder Alley**, 8 p.m. at Dyess Lanes. For more info, call 6-4166.

**Marine Corps ball**, 5:45 p.m. at The Heritage Club.

**Late Night**, 11 p.m. at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 6-2405.

### *Sunday, Nov. 16, 2003*

**Sunday brunch**, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-2405.

**Blazin' in the Park**, 4 p.m. at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course entrance. For more info, call 6-2936.

### *Monday, Nov. 17, 2003*

**Intramural bowling**, 5:30 p.m. at Dyess Lanes. For more info, call 6-4166.

**Monday Night Football Frenzy**, 8 p.m. at The Hangar Center and The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-2405.

### *Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2003*

**Bingo**, 7 p.m. at the Hangar Center. For more information, call 6-2405.

### *Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2003*

**Wing Right Start**, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-5730.

### *Thursday, Nov. 20, 2003*

**Base blood drive at The Hangar Center**. For more info, call 6-4750.

**50 cent bowling**, 5 p.m. at Dyess Lanes. For more info, call 6-4166.

### *Upcoming events*

**Nov. 22 -- Fall Classic Paintball tournament**

**Nov. 25 -- Turkey Trot 5K run**

**Nov. 27 -- Thanksgiving**



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## Customer service hours

### Medical

**Dyess clinic** -- 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon-Thurs and 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday

### Dining facilities

**Longhorn** -- Breakfast 6 to 8 a.m., Lunch 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Dinner 4 to 7 p.m., Midnight 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. Mon-Fri. Breakfast 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dinner 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Midnight 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sat and Sun.

### Fitness

**Dyess fitness center** -- 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. Mon-Fri, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sat-Sun.

## Customer service

**Military Personnel Flight** -- 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mon-Fri

**Finance** -- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon-Fri

**Legal** -- 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mon-Fri. Walk-ins are 8 to 9 a.m. Fridays

Notaries, powers of attorney: walk-ins from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon-Fri.

**Public Affairs** -- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon-Fri

To advertise your hours in the *Peacemaker*, e-mail [peacemaker@dyess.af.mil](mailto:peacemaker@dyess.af.mil) or call 6-4375.



## Chapel schedule

**Catholic:** Reconciliation starts at 4:15 p.m. Saturday followed by Mass at 5 p.m. Sunday Mass is at 9 a.m. Sunday School is 11 a.m. at Dyess Elementary School. Daily Mass is at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday through Friday.

**Protestant:** Sunday School begins at 9:15 a.m. at Dyess Elementary School. Shared faith worship begins at 11 a.m. Sunday. Gospel service starts at 1 p.m. Sunday. Sunday Night Worship Service begins at 6:30 p.m. Sunday. A nursery and children's church are available at all services.

**Jewish:** For information about the times and places of Jewish services, call Capt. Matt Paskin at 829-6149.

For more information, call the chapel at 6-4224.

## Scouting for food

Boy Scout troop and Cub Scout packs 296 will be scouting for food for Operation Warm Heart 9 a.m. Saturday in base housing for needy Dyess airmen and their families.

The scouts will only collect unopened, non-perishable food items. To donate, place food items in a bag that can be seen from the street outside your home.

For more information, call 6-1739.

## Cookie Donations Needed

The Dyess first sergeants are requesting donations of cookies to pass out to airmen in the dorms and to send to deployed members.

The drop-off dates are between 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Dec. 4 and 5 and between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Dec. 7 at The Heritage Club. All types of cookies, both store-bought and home-made, are welcome.

For more information, see any Dyess first sergeant or call Tonya Harencak at 793-1222.

## Thrift shop hours

The Dyess Thrift Shop is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Consignments can be taken from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and the first Saturday of each month.

## Craft Skills hours

The Dyess Crafter's Haven Skills Development

## CALENDAR



### Today, Nov. 21, 2003

**7th Medical Group retreat**, 5 p.m. at the base traffic circle.

### Saturday, Nov. 22, 2003

**Fall Classic Paintball tournament**, 9 a.m. at the Dyess paintball fields. For more info, call 6-2402.

**Thunder Alley**, 8 p.m. at Dyess Lanes. For more info, call 6-4166.

**Late Night**, 11 p.m. at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 6-2405.

### Sunday, Nov. 23, 2003

**Sunday brunch**, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-2405.

### Monday, Nov. 24, 2003

**Holiday kickoff**, 5:30 p.m. at the chapel. For more info, call 6-4224.

**Intramural bowling**, 5:30 p.m. at Dyess Lanes. For more info, call 6-4166.

**Monday Night Football Frenzy**, 8 p.m. at The

Center has extended business hours to include all Monday's from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, call 6-8203.

## Tree lighting ceremony

The Dyess Chapel will conduct the annual Christmas tree and Menorah lighting ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Monday in front of the chapel.

For more information, call 6-4224.

## Observance month committees

The military equal opportunity office is looking for volunteers to join committees for upcoming observance months.

The upcoming months are Black History Month in February, Irish History Month in March, Jewish Observance Month in April, and Asian Pacific Islander Month in May.

It is highly encouraged to have a diversified group of volunteers interested in any or all of the observances. People interested in joining committees do not have to be of any specific descent.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Melida Edwards at 6-4226.

## Cancer screenings

The 7th Medical Group Women's Health Clinic has openings for annual cervical cancer screenings for Tri Care Prime patients.

For more information, call the 7th MDG Women's Health Clinic at 6-5432.

Hangar Center and The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-2405.

### Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2003

**Bingo**, 7 p.m. at the Hangar Center. For more information, call 6-2405.

**Turkey Trot 5K run**, X a.m. in front of the Mesquite Grove Golf Course. For more info, call 6-XXXX

**Abilene firefighter appreciation**, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the chapel. For more info, call 6-4224.

### Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2003

**Happy landings**, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the family support center. For more info, call 6-5999.

### Thursday, Nov. 27, 2003

**Thanksgiving**

## Upcoming events

**Nov. 28 -- Family day**

**Nov. 29 --- Grapevine Mills shopping trip**

**Dec. 1 -- SNCO/NCO induction ceremony**

**Dec. 2 -- Ethics forum**

**Dec. 9 -- Family support center open house**

**Dec. 14 -- Phase I/II begins**



Staff Sgt. Clay Wheeland, 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, performs a 2A-2B inspection on a B-1 Nov. 6. Dyess officials stated that both deployment processes and aircraft generation rates showed marked improvement during the November Operational Readiness Exercise over previous exercises.

Senior Airman Ryan Summers



Tech. Sgt. Thomas Fischer

Airman Samantha Wallace, 7th Operations Support Squadron air traffic control apprentice, assists Tech. Sgt. Marcos Ramos, 7th Operations Support Squadron air traffic control watch supervisor, with marking his protective gear during the Phase II Operational Readiness Exercise Nov. 6. Dyess officials urge people to remember the new methods of labeling the gear for future exercises and to use the “buddy check” to ensure compliance.

# Victory!

## DYESS OVERCOMES ‘ENEMY,’ NATURE FOR EXERCISE SUCCESS

By 2nd Lt. Ben Gamble  
*Dyess Public Affairs*

Dyess completed a Phase I/II exercise Nov. 7 which tested the wing’s ability to deploy to a bare-base location and conduct offensive and defensive wartime operations.

The 7th Bomb Wing inspector general’s office praised Dyess airmen for their efforts in creating a successful and productive Operational Readiness Exercise.

“The October ORE we conducted positioned the wing very well for this full-up Phase I/II,” said Col. Jack Wylie, 7th Bomb Wing inspector-general. “The deployment processes and aircraft generation rates showed marked improvement across the board.”

The exercise was the third of four the wing is conducting in preparation for the Air Combat Command Operational Readiness Inspection, which will take place Jan. 21 to 31. The next Phase I/II

ORE will be held Dec. 14 to 20. Dyess officials stressed that personal readiness and attention to detail remain areas to focus on for improvement.

“Personal readiness remains a challenge,” Wylie said. “Supervisors need to emphasize Preventative Health Assessment tests, immunizations and mobility training to their airmen.”

Dyess officials also stated that lack of attention to detail was the cause of many mock casualties during the exercise. The wear of the chemical warfare gear ensemble in particular deserves more focus, they said.

“We suffered many ‘casualties’ due to failure to follow proper Mission Oriented Protective Posture-donning procedures,” said Maj. Allen Wilson, Exercise Evaluation Team member. “The MOPP level system and buddy checks are essential to force protection. Many of the exercise fatalities could have been avoided.”

Officials remind Dyess people that buddy checks are effective not only for applying MOPP gear, but for general job tasks as well.



# Service over self

## Dyess fulfills real-world mission during exercise

By 2nd Lt. Ben Gamble  
*Dyess Public Affairs*

A Dyess paralegal offered real-world legal services despite a simulated missile attack against the notional “Base X” during the Operational Readiness Exercise Nov. 5.

Tech. Sgt. Teri Herrera, 7th Bomb Wing military justice paralegal, supplied Staff Sgt. Matthew Anderson, 7th Contracting Squadron, with a power of attorney in the

base cantonment area while both were in full Mission Oriented Protective Posture (chemical) gear.

“It is always a good feeling to know that I’m helping out our people,” Herrera said. “Even under these tough conditions, the real-world mission still needs to get done, and we overcame the obstacles.”

Anderson’s daughter had become ill, but Anderson himself was unable to transport her to the nearest hospi-

tal for medical treatment due to his involvement in the ORE. Herrera completed the necessary procedures to grant his daughter’s babysitter the ability to check the girl in at a local clinic.

“It was really great that (the 7th Bomb Wing legal office) was there when we needed them,” Anderson said. “I don’t know what we would have done without them. The cool part was that we accomplished the whole thing in full MOPP gear.”

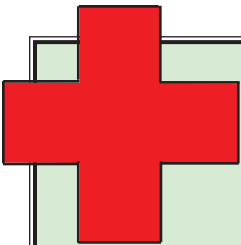


Tech. Sgt. Thomas Fischer

Airman 1st Class Delfina Ortiz, 7th Operations Support Squadron, marks her helmet in preparation to enter the Phase II exercise Nov. 5.



Tech. Sgt. Thomas Fischer



# Preventable EXERCISE DEATHS

Exercise Evaluation Team members simulated the deaths of exercise players who were not complying with standards or who did not follow proper exercise procedures. Listed below are some examples of of the memebtrs who did not survive.

One person “died” from exposure to chemicals because his buddy check failed to notice that his hood had caught in his helmet while donning Mission Oriented Protective Posture gear.

One person “died” from exposure to chemicals because he tried to don MOPP gear while his hood was not attached to his mask.

One person “died” from exposure to chemical agents during a strike because he was wearing a gas mask that had no filter attached.

Two people “died” from exposure to chemicals while tranporting a body contaminated with nerve agent because they removed their protective gear when a lower alarm level was sounded.

One person “died” from enemy fire during a ground attack because he left protective cover, leapt over a fence and sprinted over 75 yards of open ground toward a bunker.

Dyess officials remind people to follow established procedures and guidelines governing exercises.

One person radioed in a simulated explosion on a B-1 without reporting “exercise, exercise, exercise” before relaying the input. Real-world media picked up on the transmission and called the base in a panic.

“We must maintain our situational awareness and attention to detail,” said Maj. Allen Wilson, Exercise Evaluation Team member. “Whether in the toxic free area, the cantonment area or on the flight line, force protection is everyone’s job.”

(Left) Airman 1st Class Michelle Irvin, 7th Medical Group medical systems technician, digs a trench to drain excess water from the medical tents in the cantonment area during the Phase II exercise Nov. 6. Inclement weather threatened to hamper operations in the cantonment area, but troops came together and overcame the challenge.



# Air Force boxers make the cut

Two Dyess airmen join armed force's competition team

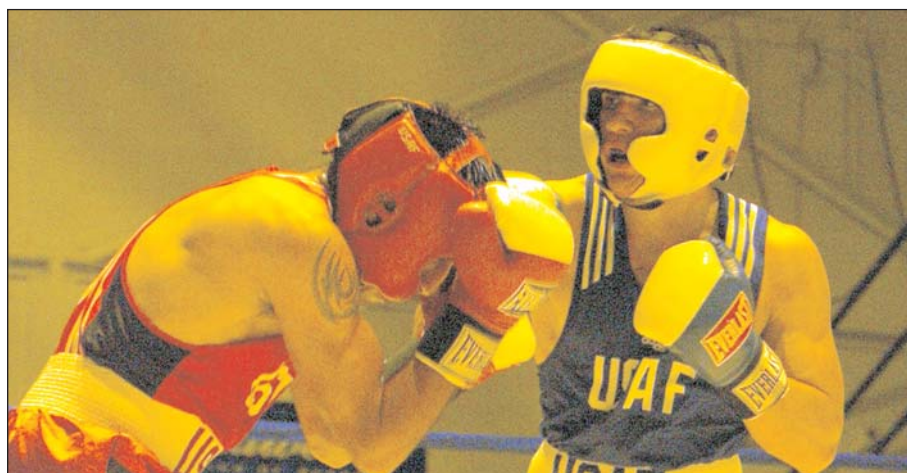
By **Wayne Amann**  
37th Services Division

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- The last time the Air Force boxing team won the armed forces title only two of this year's 31 training camp attendees had even been born.

The 1975 championship squad was the last first-place finish the Air Force enjoyed before the Army's dynasty captured 26 of the next 28 inter-service crowns.

For the past five years, Air Force teams finished third. They were second in 1993 and 1987, officials said.

While history is not in the Air Force's corner, the current team goes to December's armed forces fray with a "why not us?" attitude.



Alan Boedeker

**Airman 1st Class Robert Luna, 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron, (right) lands a punch on Senior Airman Richard Mora during a light-welterweight bout in the 2004 Air Force Boxing Championships at Lackland Air Force Base Saturday. Luna won the match.**

That optimism was fueled by the Air Force Boxing Championships held at Lackland Nov. 7 and Saturday, which determined who advanced to stop the Army's 12-year winning streak.

Ringside officials with the South Texas Boxing Association, which

annually sanctions the bouts, said afterward this is the best crop of Air Force boxers to advance in 15 years.

Among this year's selectee's were two Dyess airmen:

Airman 1st Class Robert Luna, 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron and Airman James Johnson, 7th

Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

"We have guys who've boxed their whole lives," said Ron Simms, second-year Air Force head coach and 12-time Air Force champion. "The key will be for the coaches and athletes to be on the same page. If they believe in the system I'm teaching and execute it, there's no stopping them."

Ten boxers moved on to Saturday's finals card before a raucous near-capacity crowd. Three went unopposed in their respective weight classes: Airman Jose Casasola, from Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., took the 112-pound flyweight division; James DuBois, from Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, the 125-pound featherweight category; and Staff Sgt. Jonathan Williams, from Robins Air Force Base, Ga., the 201-pound heavyweight class. Williams, 30, was the oldest boxer to make the team. He also made All-Air Force in 1997 and 2003.

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# Air Force Falcons crush Army, 31-3

**Story and photo by  
John Van Winkle**  
*U.S. Air Force Academy  
Public Affairs*

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. -- Three Marchello Graddy fumble recoveries and three Joey Ashcroft field goals helped lead the Air Force Academy Falcons to their seventh victory of the season, beating the Army team 31-3.

"It's a win we desperately needed. We hadn't won a game in 28 days," said Fisher DeBerry, Falcons head coach. "The last 28 days have stunk. We're not used to going this long without a win."

However, the Falcons were their own worst enemy during Saturday's game, DeBerry said. The Falcons stifled their 446-yard performance on offense with four fumbles, 11 penalties and were unable to get into the end zone on several possessions.

"I'm a little irked and disappointed that we were trying to kick field goals instead of finishing off drives with touchdowns," DeBerry said. "Over the course of a game, it will catch up with you."



**Falcons quarterback Chance Harridge plunges forward for a first down at midfield. The senior ran for 80 yards and passed for 71 more, during the academy's 31-3 victory over Army on Saturday. The win improves the Air Force record to 7-3, while Army falls to 0-10 on the season.**

While the Air Force defense was able to keep Army at bay, senior place-kicker Ashcroft converted stalled drives into points with field goals from 59, 31 and 22 yards. That gave the Falcons time to get their fullback running game into gear, and then work the mid-

dle routes underneath Army's soft pass defense for the victory.

For Graddy, Ashcroft and the other seniors, it also meant that they have never lost to Army during their tenure at the academy.

The win increases the Falcons' season record to 7-3. For Army, the loss drops them to 0-10 and ties a school record for losses dating back to 1973. The Army loss also extends the nation's longest losing streak to 12 games.

"We want better for them," DeBerry said. "There's something special between the schools, because we're always going to be hinged and hooked together. That's why it bothers me."

Army was in a position to win each of their last three games, so the potential to reverse their fortunes is within the team's grasp, DeBerry said.

"It can be done," he said. "I'd like to see them win

eight or nine games a year. I've got a deep place in my heart for them. Certainly we root for our other two service academies, except when we play them."

The academy cadets and fans also voiced their hopes for Army success when the team plays the Naval Academy Dec. 6. It will take a victory by the winless West Point team to keep the well-coveted Commander in Chief trophy in Colorado.

That trophy is the top goal in Falcon football and goes to the service academy football team that bests its military rivals. After a six-year chokehold on the title, the Falcons are in danger of losing the trophy after an uncharacteristic 28-25 loss to Navy earlier this season. So only a three-way tie forged by a Dec. 6 Army win over Navy can keep the trophy in Air Force hands.

"Anything can happen in service academy football," DeBerry said. "If Army

could beat Navy later this year, we would retain the Commander in Chief's Trophy."

Meanwhile, it is the make or break point of the season for the Falcons' goals of winning the Mountain West Conference championship and going to a bowl game. Conference leader Utah (7-2) must lose to either Wyoming or Brigham Young (4-6), while the Falcons must win all of its remaining games and hope for some help from other teams, for the dust to settle in the Falcons' favor.

"Wyoming is playing tough right now," said Chance Harridge, Falcons quarterback. "I'm curious to see what they're going to do with their opportunity against Utah."

But Colorado State, University of Nevada at Las Vegas, San Diego State and New Mexico are still in the title hunt.

"Everyone controls their own destiny right now," Harridge said. "We've got to go down to New Mexico and play our best game to have a chance at the conference title."

A bowl game invitation is also uncertain. The eight-team conference has three bowl contracts, for games Dec. 24 in Las Vegas and Dec. 31 in San Francisco and Memphis. Utah, Air Force and New Mexico are all bowl-eligible at this point, but every other conference team is only one or two wins away from the same.

The Falcons' schedule has only two games remaining, both against conference teams. Air Force plays New Mexico Nov. 15 and San Diego State Nov. 22.

"You ought to be playing your best football of the year in November," DeBerry said. "That's what it's going to take."



**Falcons fullback Dan Shaffer plunges forward through Army tacklers for a gain. Shaffer ground out 47 yards during Air Force's 31-3 victory over Army Saturday..**



## Boxers

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Casasola's younger brother, Carlos, an airman first class from Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, beat Senior Airman Jimmie Montgomery, from Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, when the referee stopped the contest 1 min. 7 sec. into the second round after Casasola dropped his opponent to one knee with a straight right hand.

"I caught him with a good punch," the 21-year old San Antonio-native said. "I set him up with a left jab and came back with the right."

Airman 1st Class Hector Ramos, Travis Air Force Base, Calif., one of only two bluesuiters to win gold at the last armed forces tournament, won a return trip with a unanimous 5-0 decision over Senior Airman Deron Elias, from Hurlburt Field, in the 132-pound lightweight class.

Dyess' Luna, was a 3-2 split-decision winner over Airman 1st Class Ramon Castro, from Hurlburt Field, in the 141-pound light-welterweight division.

The lone female at training camp, Staff Sgt. Charmaine Carrington, from Eglin Air Force Base, defeated San Fernando Boxing Club's Elizabeth Villareal, 5-0. Carrington entered the bout as the nation's No. 1 ranked women's amateur in the 141-pound class. But, she wants to improve when she goes for her second straight armed forces gold.

"I can box a lot smarter and cleaner," the Hayward, California-native said. "(Villareal) fought hard, but I'm a lot better than that. I'll have to watch the tape."

Veteran boxer Staff Sgt. John Askew, from Osan Air Base, South Korea, made his fourth straight All-Air Force team, as a 152-pound welterweight, thanks to a solid right hand that took its toll on Airman 1st Class Anthony Jackson, from Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D. The referee stopped the contest at 1 min and 47 sec. into the second round.

"(Jackson) was moving a lot so I tried to cut him off at 45-degree angles," Askew said. "My punches were there. They felt good. It's instinctive, like breathing. You do your best to execute."

Dyess' Johnson, took a 5-0 decision over left-hander Senior Airman Jorge Hernandez, from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., in the 165-pound middleweight class.

The final bout Saturday saw Staff Sgt. Angel Landrau, from MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., edge Senior Airman Daniel Barrera, from Vandenberg AFB, 3-2, to grab 178-pound light-heavyweight honors and complete the Air Force roster.

The Air Force team will continue training at Lackland's Kelly Field Annex until the Dec. 6 to 12 Armed Forces Championships at Camp LeJeune, N.C.

Airmen who win there qualify for the U.S. National Championships, Jan. 10 to 18, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The last stop would be the 2004 Olympic Trials, Feb. 16 to 21, in Tunica, Miss.

"This is our time to shine so we have to push ourselves and each other," Askew said of the Air Force's young but experienced roster. "We're not going to let anybody stop us. We're hungry."

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For more information, call the fitness center at 6-4306.

## Intramural sports

The intramural flag football and bowling seasons are now underway.

- Intramural bowling teams begin rolling at 5:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

- The Friday Fun League is currently underway at 7 p.m. each Friday.

For more information, call Dyess Lanes at 6-4166.

- The intramural flag football games begin at 6 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays.

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## Outdoor rec winter hours

Outdoor recreation is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

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## Paintball guns

Outdoor recreation has paintball guns for sale. Special orders are available.

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## Massages

Massages are available at the Health and Wellness center.

One hour and half hour full-body massages are available as well as a 15 minute chair massage.

For more information, call

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## Youth classes

The Dyess Youth Center is offering cheerleading, gymnastics and Kajukenbo classes.

For more information, call the youth center at 6-4797.

## Football frenzy

Monday Night Football Frenzy is at the Hangar Center each Monday.

Prizes are available for club members.

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## Fall Classic paintball tournament

The Fall Classic Paintball tournament begins at 9 a.m. Nov. 22 at the Dyess paintball fields.

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## Sports submissions

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Scores and standings for the Scores and More section of the *Peacemaker* were not available from the sports and fitness center at press time. For more information about scores and standings, call the fitness center at 6-4306.



# The BIG Screen

The Dyess Theater is located next to the main exchange. Patrons must have a valid identification card. Guests are welcome. Unless otherwise noted, all movies begin at 7 p.m. Admission for adults is \$2, children 6-12 years old is 99 cents, and children ages 6 and younger are admitted free. G-rated movies are 99 cents for kids ages 2-12.

## Nov. 21

**Intolerable Cruelty** -- *George Clooney, Catherine Zeta-Jones* -- A Beverly Hills divorce lawyer (Clooney) frames the wife (Zeta-Jones) of a client so that he can get out of his marriage without a settlement. She vows revenge by planning to marry the lawyer and then divorce him. Things start to spark in all directions when she actually begins to fall for him.

Rated PG-13 (*sexual content, language and brief violence*)

## Nov. 22

**Under the Tuscan Sun** -- *Diane Lane, Raoul Bova* -- An American writer (Lane) fed up with her job and saddened by a recent divorce goes on vacation in Italy. When she decides to stay and put down roots, she eventually finds a more rewarding life and a new chance at love.

Rated PG-13 (*sexual content and language*)

## Nov. 28

**Good Boy** -- *Molly Shannon, Liam Aiken* -- A young boy (Aiken) adopts a dog but gets more than he bargained for when the dog turns out to be an intergalactic traveler who has come to Earth to investigate why his fellow canines have given up their mission to colonize the planet.

Rated PG (*mild crude humor*)

## Nov. 29

**Beyond Borders** -- *Angelina Jolie, Clive Owen* -- Sarah (Jolie), a philanthropist socialite who meets and falls for a medical student turned international disaster relief worker (Owen). Over the course of several encounters, disasters and wars, their romance gradually blossoms. When he disappears, and is thought captured by foreign enemies, she undertakes a dangerous mission to locate him.

Rated R (*language and war-related violence*)



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